

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 17, 2001

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 460

Introduced by Assembly Member Wyman

February 20, 2001

~~An act to add Section 21080.25 to the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality. An act relating to energy, and making an appropriation therefor.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 460, as amended, Wyman. ~~Environmental protection~~ *Energy*: transmission Path 15.

The existing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.

This bill would ~~exempt from the requirements of CEQA any project primarily involving the planning, funding, design, site acquisition, construction, operation, or maintenance of new or replacement facilities or structures associated with the transmission path known as “Path 15” near Los Banos~~ *appropriate \$10,000,000 to the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission for the purpose of funding the environmental studies of Path 15, to be completed by the Transmission Authority of Northern California during 2001.*

Vote: ~~majority~~ ^{2/3}. Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 21080.25 is added to the Public~~
2 ~~SECTION 1. The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is~~
3 ~~hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State Energy~~
4 ~~Resources Conservation and Development Commission for the~~
5 ~~purpose of funding the environmental studies of Path 15, to be~~
6 ~~completed by the Transmission Authority of Northern California~~
7 ~~during 2001.~~
8 ~~Resources Code, to read:~~
9 ~~21080.25. This division does not apply to any project~~
10 ~~primarily involving the planning, funding, design, site acquisition,~~
11 ~~construction, operation, or maintenance of new or replacement~~
12 ~~facilities or structures associated with the transmission path known~~
13 ~~as "Path 15" near Los Banos.~~

